

## KSA Year 8 Excellence Challenges

Work should be handed in at reception with student name and title on it.

The work should be word processed, no more than 2 pages long and should include a source list.

Work can be submitted on 3 dates Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2014

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April and Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July- so students can do upto 3 challenges

### Titles

1. **Advertising.** Should certain kinds of adverts be banned in the interest of health/morality/annoyance – alcohol, cigarettes, prescription medication, etc...?
2. **Mobile phones.** How have they changed us socially?
3. **Climate change.** Is global warming a hoax? Is it being exaggerated?
4. **Cybercrime.** What are the latest ways to steal identity and money?
5. **Exams.** Exams often do little more than measure a person's ability to take exams. Should exams be outlawed in favour of another form of assessment?
6. **Fast food.** Are we taking it too far by blaming fast food restaurants for obesity? When is it individual responsibility and when is it appropriate to place blame?
7. **Juvenile offenders.** Should juvenile offenders be tried and punished as adults?
8. **Parents.** Should parents be held responsible when their children break laws?
9. **Internet and children.** Are children smarter (or more socialized) because of the Internet?
10. **Paparazzi.** What, if any, limitations should be applied to the paparazzi?
11. **Literacy.** Is Great Britain "literate?"
12. **School lunches.** Should government impose restrictions on what kinds of foods can be served in school cafeterias?
13. **School uniforms.** Pros and cons of school uniforms.

14. **Sports parents.** What are the effects on children whose parents push them in sports?
15. **Terrorism.** Can terrorism ever be justified?
16. **Tough love.** Does parental “tough love” really work?
17. **Wind energy.** Is wind energy really that cheap? Is it effective? Is it practical?
18. Why do we **sleep**?
19. Who was the first person to reach the **North Pole**?
20. What was life like for a **gladiator**?
21. Are there any effective means of **repelling insects**?
22. How is **bulletproof** clothing made?
23. What are the major theories explaining the **disappearance of the dinosaurs**?
24. How was the **skateboard** invented and how has it changed over the years?
25. How did **Cleopatra** come to power in Egypt what did she do during her reign?
26. How has **airport security** intensified since September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2001?
27. What is life like inside of a **beehive**?
28. What makes the **platypus** a unique and interesting mammal?
29. How does **tobacco use** affect the human body?
30. How do **computer viruses** spread and in what ways do they affect computers?
31. How were **cats and dogs** domesticated and for what purposes?
32. What do historians know about **ninjas**?
33. How has the **music industry** been affected by the internet and digital downloading?
34. What efforts are being taken to protect **endangered wildlife**?
35. How is **text messaging** affecting teen literacy?
36. What was the **Magna Carta** and how did it change England?
37. What is the **curse** of the pharaohs?

- 38 Why was **Socrates** executed?
- 39 What **nonlethal weapons** are used by police to subdue rioters?
- 40 How did **ancient sailors** navigate the globe?
- 41 What is **alchemy** and how has it been attempted?
- 42 How are **black holes** formed?
- 43 Do the benefits of **vaccination** outweigh the risks?
- 44 How do **submarines** work?
- 45 Do **lie detector tests** accurately determine truthful statements?
- 46 What ingredients can be found inside of a **hotdog**?
- 47 How did **Julius Caesar** affect Rome?
- 48 What steps are involved in **creating a movie** or television show?
- 49 How have the film and music industries dealt with **piracy**?
- 50 How does a **shark** hunt?
- 51 What are the dangers of **scuba diving** and underwater exploration?
- 52 How does the human brain store and retrieve **memories**?
- 53 How does **stealth** technology shield aircraft from radar?
- 54 What causes **tornados**?
- 55 How does a **search engine** work?
- 56 How did the **Roman Empire** fall?
- 57 How did the **black plague** affect Europe?
- 58 What happened to **Amelia Earhart**?
- 59 What are the dangers and hazards of using **nuclear power**?
- 60 How does **night vision** work?